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WELCOME TO WELKOM

Garden town by the goldfields

Most people outside South Africa have never heard of Welkom, for although it is now the second largest town in the Orange Free State it hardly existed eight years ago.

In the centre of the Free State's rich new goldfield, the world's latest big source of the metal, Welkom (named after a lonely farm) had only 100 residents in 1947; now it has 20,000 white people and 40,000 Africans. In ten years' time its population is expected to be 100,000.

THOUSANDS OF TREES

But it is no rough untidy shanty town like those which grew up mushroom fashion on newly discovered goldfields in years gone by. Welkom was planned as a fine garden town before a single permanent house was built there, and the plan has been strictly followed.

Today it has 100 miles of streets laid out in a convenient pattern—60 miles of them already lined with trees. Thousands of trees, too, have been planted in parks and open spaces.

Welkom has new schools and churches, a growing shopping centre where awnings shade passers-by on the wide pavement; it has new hotels, a cinema, buses, railway station, and an airport. But the town's chief pride is its main street, called State Way, which is nearly as wide as the Champs Elysées in Paris.

FLOWERING OASIS

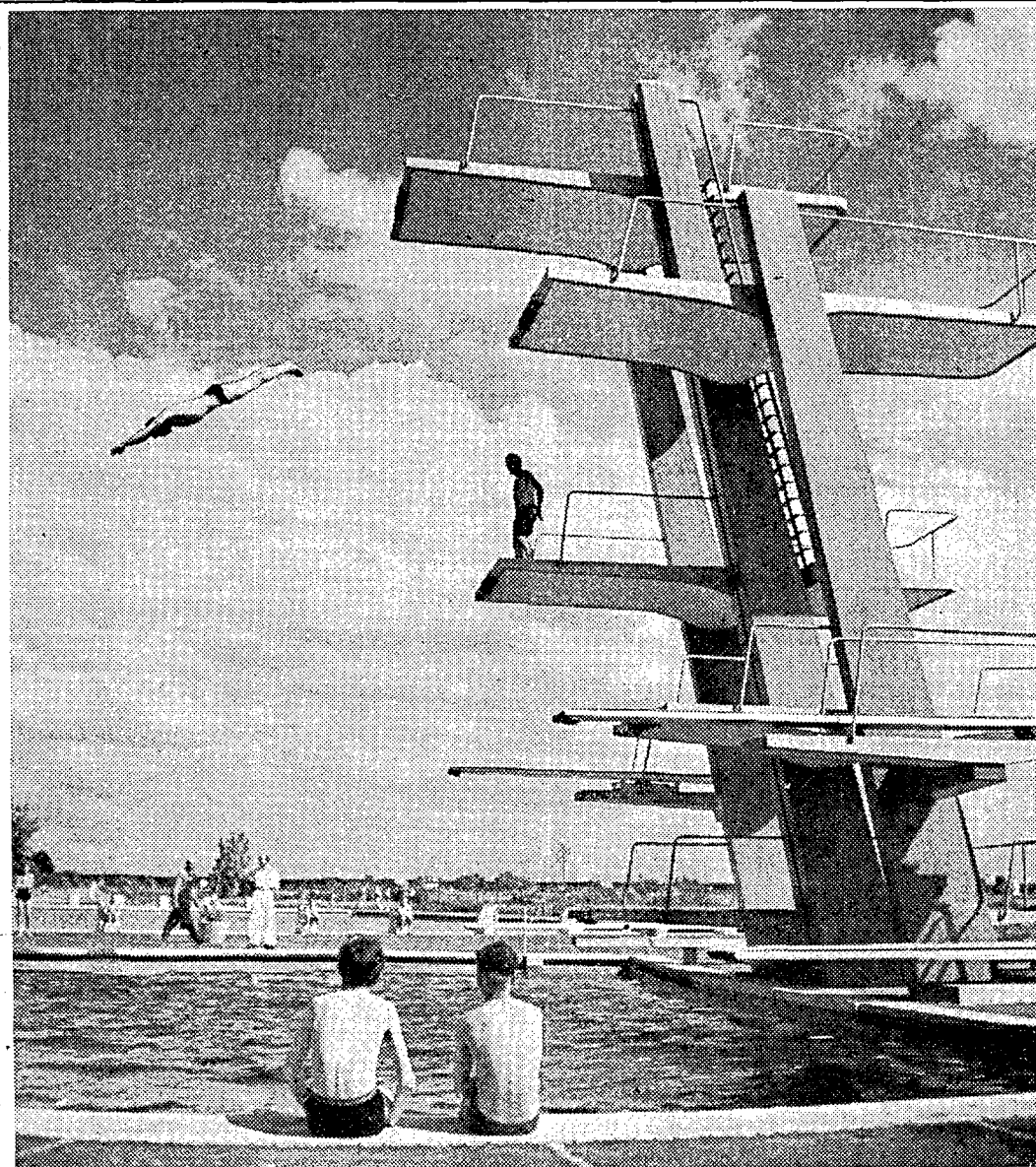
A pipeline brings from the Vaal River, 40 miles away, the 90 million gallons of water used by the townsfolk every month—water which helps to make Welkom a flowering oasis in a region that is often rainless.

A green belt separates the town centre from the outer suburbs, and beyond the suburbs stand the tall steel headgears and plant of the goldmines, whose dumps of waste rock are the only "hills" on this flat landscape.

Welkom is a spectacular achievement of which South Africans may well be proud.

INLAND SHIPBUILDERS

Hungarian and Czechoslovakian shipbuilders have recently been getting together, and as a result they are adopting similar "standards" and will build similar designs of vessels. Not many people realise that these two Central European countries are shipbuilding nations at all. But they share the important river highway of the mighty Danube.



CHOCOLATE FROM THE JUNGLE

Australians are now eating chocolate produced by many years hard work in the forests of New Guinea.

It is expected that 1000 tons of cocoa beans will come from these rain forests this year, and the potential annual yield from the trees already planted is 4000 tons. It is hoped to grow enough in New Guinea, and adjacent territories, to provide a big surplus for export.

But the clearing of such jungle is a tough job. First the vines, which can climb to the tops of enormous trees, have to be hacked away to allow bulldozers to enter.

But even when the machines have done their work the cleared area is still not ready to receive the cocoa trees. These need damp heat, but wilt under direct sunlight. So it is first necessary to plant shade trees which have a foliage delicate enough to allow the light to filter through, but yet protect the cocoa trees from glare.

Before long many of us may be eating New Guinea chocolate.

Leaning tower of Munich

This diving tower belongs to Germany's most modern bathing establishment, at Munich. It has five separate pools—for diving, racing, and ordinary swimming, with one for children and another for non-swimmers.

YOUNG FAMILY OF GUMBOOT BIRDS

A CN reader tells us of a family of thrushes hatched and reared on a pair of gumboots at Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire.

The boots stood on a shelf in the front porch, and on them a nest was built and five eggs laid in spite of constant human coming and going, and the switching on and off of the porch light after dark.

After a time five yellow beaks appeared demandingly over the nest's edge, and eight days later a parent thrush was seen in the front shrubbery, with a worm in its beak, inviting the babies down. One after another the five fat fluffy youngsters ventured out, and since then the whole family has been turning up early every morning for crumbs.

PLANE LANDS IN 50 YARDS

A 16-seater Pionair airliner landing at Prestwick Airport was brought to a standstill just over 50 yards away from the point at which it touched down.

It is hoped that this new British airliner, which can operate from an airfield the size of a football pitch, may provide economic air services to remote areas.

Another useful feature of the machine is its ability to be flown at bicycle speed for landing and take-off. Its top speed is 180 m.p.h.

DOG'S DINNER

Some restaurants in Paris now provide mats next to tables for patrons' dogs. On these a dog can be served in comfort with a bowl of soup or a bone. In some cases there are even men on duty to take a diner's dog for a walk.

DUE TO THE DONKEYS

Crippled children say Thank you

"It's all because of the donkeys," say the crippled children of Chailey Heritage, Sussex, when they bathe in their new therapeutic pool. This is their way of saying Thanks to the donkeys of Britain who raised £1700 to build the pool and re-open the Princess Elizabeth Babies Clinic which had closed owing to lack of funds.

Ever since 1951 the donkeys have been raising money at their summer race meetings—at Wivelsfield Green, Lewes, Seaford, and Cuckfield.

SIMPLE BEGINNING

The races are organised by the National Donkey Club of Great Britain, and Mrs. Dinnage, the club's energetic Founder-Secretary has explained that its growth and achievements are really due to one donkey.

Shocked by the hard life of this animal, Mr. and Mrs. Dinnage found a good home for it—only to discover that scores of other donkeys were facing even worse conditions, especially when being shipped to England from Eire.

So every time a shipment of young healthy donkeys was due, Mr. Dinnage would rush to the port and buy as many as possible. Many of these donkeys soon became children's pets.

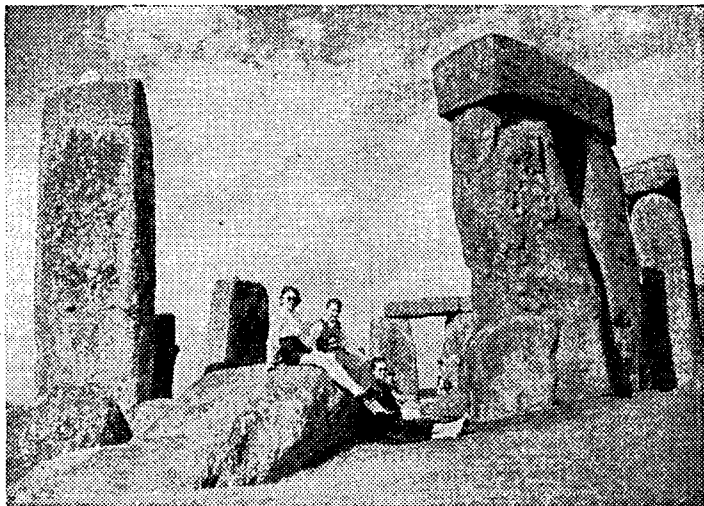
4000 MEMBERS

Mrs. Dinnage did not originally intend to build up a big organisation. But her Donkey Club grew until it boasted 4000 members and the lives of hundreds of donkeys had been saved. Playing fields have been provided, television sets bought for children in hospital, and much other good work done by the energetic members of the Donkey Club who look after the animals.

YOUNG NATURALISTS' HOLIDAY

A party of 21 boys and girls, mostly Londoners, are off on a natural history and archaeological expedition to Alderney in the Channel Islands next week. They are members of the Natural History Museum's Children's Centre and Junior Naturalists' Club.

They will camp out in tents lent by the L.C.C. from July 27 to August 8, spending some of their holidays in studying the island's geology and its plant, bird, and insect life. In addition, they will dig on the site of a Roman settlement which lies behind an ancient Saxon Shore fort.



Stonehenge in the picture

A Government report suggests that a large scale model of Stonehenge as it originally appeared should be built near the site. It also recommends that three of the stones that fell during the 18th century should be restored to their original position.

WATCH THE GLIDING CHAMPIONS

FREE flights in two-seater gliders will be the reward for some 50 or so young flying enthusiasts, Scouts and others, who will be helping at the 1955 National Gliding Championships. The meeting is being held at Lasham aerodrome between Alton and Basingstoke, Hants, from July 23 to August 1, and will be opened by Sir John Hunt, of Everest fame.

Among the young helpers' duties will be assisting in refuelling the powered aircraft, mainly Tiger Moths and Chipmunks, used for launching, and they will also take part in marshalling the machines and controlling the crowds. For about 100,000 spectators are expected to come in 40,000 cars to see what is to be the biggest gliding contest ever held in this country.

The chief object of the Championships is to select the team to represent Britain at next year's international contest in France. Some 40 gliders are to compete at Lasham, and among the pilots are such aces as Mr. Philip Wills, former world champion; Mr. G. Stephenson, the present British Champion; and Colonel A. J. Deane-Drummond, M.C., leader of the Army team, who climbed to 19,000 feet not long ago. The R.A.F. team is to arrive a week beforehand for intensive practice.

IDEAL SITE

Lasham aerodrome is on a high plateau which is ideal for gliding and soaring, and a week's gliding course for Air Scouts is being held there from August 6 to 13.

As many competitors as possible will have to be launched at the same time, and this tricky operation is in charge of Flight-Lieutenant P. C. Austin, who has studied the technique used in the war when hundreds of gliders were towed off in rapid succession.

The gliders will be released by their towing aircraft at not more than 2000 feet, and left to carry out various kinds of set courses. An example of these may be one from Lasham to Winchester, to Newbury and back to Lasham. For this, numbers will be fixed on the ground below, which a pilot will have to observe and report to prove he has flown over them.

In straight distance flights, however, the pilots may come down as far away as 100 miles from Lasham, and they and their gliders will have to be picked up by "retrieving crews" in cars with 30-foot trailers. The "retrievers" having first located the glider must then take it to pieces, stow it in the trailer, and return with it and the pilot.

This is an important job, for pilots depend on their road-traveling assistants to find and take them back as quickly as possible, so that they may have a full night's sleep before the next day's flying. Youngsters helping at the championships will be among the crews in these exciting ground glider-hunts.

It all sounds as though the lads lending a hand in this great event are in for the time of their lives, and many other young people will want to make their way there.

Young CN readers will be admitted free if they carry a current copy of The Children's Newspaper, and are accompanied by an adult.

FRENCH HOLIDAYS

As in this country, July and August see a great exodus of holiday-makers from the towns of France—the schools there breaking up about July 13. Half the townsfolk go away for "les vacances," according to the National Institute of Statistics.

About 26 per cent of the holiday-makers go to the seaside; 46 per cent go to the country, and 15 per cent to the mountains. But the number of those who go abroad is increasing. Last year Italy was the most popular country, receiving 700,000 French visitors, Spain was second, Switzerland third, Germany fourth, Britain fifth.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

SEVERAL times in the past few years M.P.s have suddenly realised, or someone has pointed out to them, that they are not strictly entitled to sit in the House of Commons.

The reason is that under the existing law certain small posts which they held were known as "offices of profit under the Crown." No one can hold such an office and be a Member of Parliament.

That is why an M.P. who wishes to resign applies for the stewardship of either the Chiltern Hundreds or the Manor of Northstead—offices of profit under the Crown. Possession of either office automatically disqualifies him from membership of the Commons.

In recent months this has been explained in CN, but the point arises now because the Government are asking Parliament to pass a bill clearing up the uncertainties.

Earlier this month two such cases arose within a week, and involved the setting up of an all-party (select) committee to "re-qualify" the M.P.s concerned. The bill will avoid such embarrassments.

Lawyers have been working on this problem for the last 12 years. It is highly complicated, for it involves the question: *What is an "office of profit"?*

The broad intention is to ensure that trivial offices—such as where an M.P. gets a very small honorarium for performing very modest duties—are not held to be offices of profit within the present meaning of that now-familiar phrase.

IT is most important news that an all-party "conference" of selected M.P.s, under a Ministerial chairman, is being set up to find out just how Malta, the George Cross island, can be brought constitutionally closer to Britain.

One of the main points to be settled is the machinery by which the island can send its own Maltese M.P.s to Westminster, in the same way as Northern Ireland, which has its own Parliament, is also represented in the Commons.

EVEN your school sports come under the vigilant eye of the Minister of Education, Sir David Eccles. He was asked the other day how he is encouraging them "under a county authority."

The answer is that the Ministry pays grants towards expenditure on all forms of physical education, including athletics and organised games, mostly on specialised organisers and in the provision of playing fields and equipment.

Grants are also given towards the cost of coaching schemes run by the bodies representative of particular sports. Thank you, Sir David!

News from Everywhere

RECORD HELMET

When Donald Campbell makes his attempt on the water speed record at Ullswater he will wear the crash helmet worn by Neville Duke when first breaking the sound barrier.

A 15-year-old Godalming boy, Robert Jeffcock, was granted his own hallmark recently when he became Britain's youngest recognised silversmith.

Dr. Ralph Vaughan Williams has been awarded the Royal Society of Arts Albert Medal "in recognition of his great services to music."

1s. STRADIVARIUS?

Mr. William Vickers of Preston bought an old violin for a shilling and then found the signature Antonius Stradivarius, 1711, on it. He is having it examined by experts.

Six Norwegians arrived in New Zealand recently after sailing 15,000 miles from Oslo in a 45-foot yawl.

Although only 17, pianist Shelagh Stamp of Cleethorpes has been chosen as one of Britain's representatives at the World Musical Festival in Switzerland next September.

During the summer sales in London one man queued for 31 hours for a fur coat reduced from 349 guineas to 25 guineas.

FILMS WITHOUT FILM

The production of motion pictures without the use of film may be possible soon. A Hollywood company is developing a method of electronically recording moving images on to a half-inch tape similar to that used in sound recording.

John Harper, a 21-year-old Leeds University mining student, has gone to Canada to work in a gold mine during his summer vacation.

London Fire Brigade had its busiest year in peacetime in 1954—21,000 calls. Firemen put out 7500 fires and went to the rescue of 2500 people in some form of difficulty.

Nearly 15 tons of litter was collected at Roundhay Park after the recent Leeds Children's Day celebrations.

NOAH'S ARK

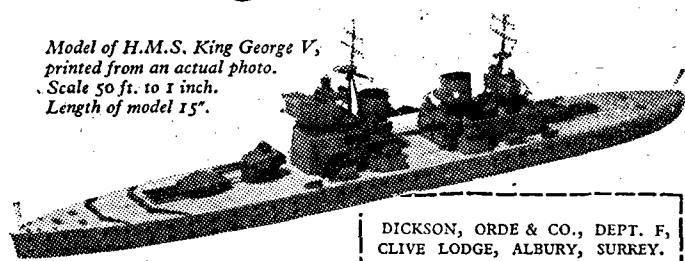
On a recent passenger list of a famous liner appeared the names Fox, Fish, Bull, Pigeon, Stag, and Dove.

A giant lobster weighing 6½ lb. and measuring 33 inches from head to tail was caught recently at Staithes near Whitby.

Seven-year-old Robert Fisher found a fossilised sea-urchin 100 million years old in his garden at Feering, Essex.

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CHURCHMEN FROM RUSSIA

Eight Russians who have never before been outside their own country have been guests of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

All churchmen, one of them was the Metropolitan of Minsk, a dignitary of the Russian Orthodox Church; three were professors from colleges in Leningrad and Moscow; two were Baptist ministers from Moscow; and the other two were Archbishops from Latvia and Estonia.

Never before have Russians representing all the churches in Russia come in a group to visit a foreign country, and their presence at Lambeth was a sign of the growing goodwill between Russia and Britain.

The visit of the Russian churchmen was in return for the hospitality received by the many Britons who have gone to Russia in recent months.

POPULAR FAMILY

The two tame seagulls Billy and his mate Sally who built a nest on the supports of Whitby harbour bridge have hatched out three chicks. Bird-lovers have boxed the nest in so the chicks cannot fall into the harbour and drown. Queues form daily to see them, and slow down the bridge traffic.

This is the first time any of Whitby's thousands of gulls have ever chosen such a conspicuous nesting place. And the parent birds have grown so tame that they feed from hands of passers-by.

ANOTHER JOHN BISCOE

The celebrated Polar supply vessel John Biscoe will be replaced by a new steel ship to be built on the Clyde. This new vessel, fitted with diesel electric engines and the most modern navigational equipment, will be the most up-to-date vessel of her kind in the world.

During the last ten years the old wooden-built John Biscoe, a converted submarine net-layer, has given great service in carrying supplies to groups of British scientists stationed at research bases in the Antarctic. In the process the gallant vessel has had much heavy work to do in butting a way through thick ice, and this has strained her timbers.

Perhaps the most thrilling of the



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This is one of the Mobile Call Offices with ten telephones, for use in emergencies, or at public events throughout London and the Home Counties.

ENJOYMENT WITH A WILL

Under the terms of a will of a former banker of the Scilly Islands, over 200 schoolchildren recently enjoyed a visit to an uninhabited island. They were from the schools on St. Mary's, St. Agnes, Bryher, Tresco, and St. Martin's, and they were collected by motor launches and taken to the little island of Samson.

Here, with ample supplies of sandwiches and water, the children spent the day searching the rocks, swimming in the blue sea, and exploring caves. After the midday meal, games and races were held, and again, under the terms of the will, everybody eventually won a prize.

One little boy brought back as a souvenir a bottle which had been thrown overboard from the liner Queen Mary and had the name and address of a man in Southsea inside it.

HILLSIDE SERVICE OF ROMAN SOLDIERS

At this time of the year an annual service takes place at a lonely cross dedicated to St. Gordian, which stands high on a Scottish Border hillside near Peebles.

The story of this simple out-of-doors service is an interesting one. St. Gordian, who lived in the heyday of the Roman Empire, was a judge in Rome notorious for his cruel persecution of Christians.

One day, however, St. Gordian was converted to Christianity just as suddenly as St. Paul was at Damascus. In those days this meant almost certain death, and St. Gordian and all his family were killed and buried in the catacombs of Rome.

According to an ancient tradition a few of the Roman soldiers encamped in the Borders, who were secret Christians, used to steal out from camp, make their way to this lonely hillside near Peebles, and pray there for St. Gordian the martyr. The district lay between the two Roman walls of Antonine (Clyde to Forth) and Hadrian (Solway to Tyne).

STAMP NEWS

A COLLECTION of U.S. stamps formed by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse has just been auctioned in London for £34,700. One of the most interesting specimens, a five-cent stamp printed in 1846 from a woodcut, fetched £1500.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S portrait will appear on one of two South African stamps next October to commemorate the centenary of Pretoria. The other stamp will portray President Pretorius, founder of the city.

CANADA is to issue a stamp marking the International Scout Jamboree at Niagara in Ontario next month.

ALMOST 100 sheets from the British Royal Family's stamp collection are on display at the International Stamp Exhibition in Auckland this week to mark the centenary of New Zealand's stamps.

WELSH CHOIR OFF TO GERMANY

Rhymney Girls' Choir, winners of last year's National Eisteddfod at Ystradgynlais, are to give a series of concerts in Germany next month.

Mr. Alwyn Savage, the conductor, received the invitation through the German Embassy.

HURRAH FOR THE PROMS

The time-honoured Henry Wood Promenade Concerts start again at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday. It will be the 61st season and will last until Saturday, September 17, with 49 concerts in all.

They will give music-lovers the chance to hear Britain's most famous orchestras—the BBC Symphony, the London Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic, the Hallé, and the reconstituted Bournemouth Symphony.

The conductors will be Sir Malcolm Sargent, Sir Adrian Boult, Basil Cameron, Sir John Barbirolli, John Hollingsworth, and Charles Groves.

The concert on August 27 will provide one of the highlights of the season. Following successes at the Edinburgh Festival, Paris, and Brussels, the National Youth

Orchestra will be giving its first Prom, with Sir Adrian Boult as conductor.

The idea of forming a Youth Orchestra came from Miss Ruth Railton, its founder and organiser. The players are drawn from schools all over Britain; they attend courses of study three times a year in the school holidays when they are coached by leading conductors and players.

A teacher of music, Miss Railton used all her savings to start the project in 1947. She travelled all over the country holding auditions and, since the Bath Assembly in 1948, when the Youth Orchestra had its first success under the baton of Dr. Reginald Jacques, one triumph has followed another.

The audience at the Albert Hall are sure to give it a great ovation.

MONSTROUS CLAIM

It is claimed that the famous Loch Ness Monster has been seen again, this time by a busload of tourists from Inverness driving along the road which skirts the water.

For a time the tourists, some of whom had binoculars, watched something follow a zig-zag course across the loch at about a mile distant. Later the "Monster" dived from view. One member of the party said that whatever it was had a head like that of a dog.

SEEING THE GARDENS

As part of their gardening course, 12 Yorkshire boys from Silsden Secondary School visited Cliffe Castle, Keighley, and were shown round the grounds and greenhouses.

All first year students of the eleven age group, the boys showed great interest in certain sensitive plants which droop at the slightest touch.

This was the second visit paid by the scholars from the school to these gardens, and one boy has since taken up gardening as his occupation.

Big Ben's crown



An architect inspects the orb and crown on top of Big Ben's 320-foot clock tower at Westminster.

READY-WRAPPED VEGETABLES

American housewives now prefer to buy vegetables ready-wrapped in transparent plastic bags. Almost the whole of last year's Texas carrot crop, for instance, was packaged in this way.

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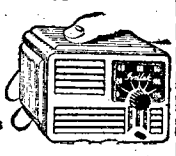
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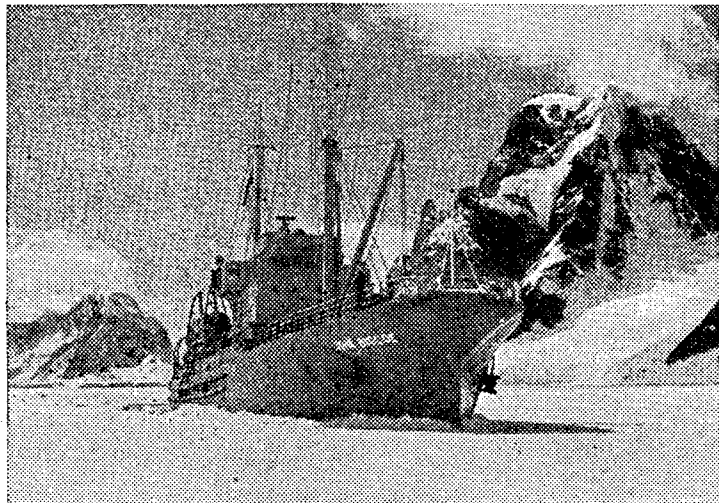
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The old John Biscoe in the solid ice of the Antarctic



Making friends

This few weeks' old Chinese water deer at Whipsnade is a very shy baby. Usually this kind of deer will allow no one to touch it, but Jill Impey, a Zoo hostess, hopes to make this one tame enough to join Pets' Corner.

ZOO NEWS

MANY NEW ARRIVALS AT REGENT'S PARK

SPECIMENS collected by the Zoo-BBC Expedition in British Guiana are arriving regularly by air at London Zoo. Among the latest is a small collection of reptiles, including a coral snake and a fer-de-lance (both highly venomous).

Many birds will arrive shortly. They include three macaws, six parrots, four trumpeters, a cock-of-the-rock, and a pair of humming-birds. One of the parrots—a young hawk-headed parrot—is unusually tame, for Mr. Jack Lester, leader of the expedition, caught the bird as a fledgling and hand-reared it. As a result it became a "pet," flying freely around the base camp. It may be given the freedom of the Zoo when it arrives there later.

BIRDS-OF-PARADISE

Meanwhile, another of the Zoo's collectors, 78-year-old Mr. Wilfred Frost, is on his way home from another part of the world—the more remote jungles of Indonesia, where he has been collecting birds-of-paradise. A cable recently received from Mr. Frost informs officials that he has left Singapore by sea with 30 of these rare and beautiful birds, besides many other species.

This collection is expected to arrive at the end of this month, and Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, tells me that on arrival the birds-of-paradise will be exhibited at the bird house, pending the building of special quarters for them. Under consideration at the moment is a plan for converting the gorilla house, at present being used as a temporary stable for the young elephant Lakshmi.

There have been many new arrivals in the menagerie lately, and among them is one of the thinnest snakes ever seen there—a West Indies tree-boa. Although three feet long, the snake is no

thicker than a pencil. But there may well be a special reason for its emaciated condition. For this reptile was a "stowaway."

Found among bananas by a firm of fruit importers in East London, it was so thin that the unpacking staff at first refused to believe that it actually was a snake. But on consulting the Zoo its identity was soon established, and the snake, a non-venomous type, was coiled up in a large jar and sent up to Regent's Park.

DOING WELL

"The boa must have been pretty well starving when it stowed away," Overseer Lanworn told me. "And as it spent the voyage inside the Cellophane bag in which the fruit is packed for transit, it can have had no food at all there. But it is eating well now. We are giving it small morsels to start with, and hope to save it."

"Long John," a five-foot Manchurian crane living at the ostrich house, is the latest Zoo bird to try to escape. A handsome black-and-white crane bred at Whipsnade four years ago, Long John took a jump over his paddock fence and, finding himself on the public pathway, decided to trust to his long legs rather than his unpractised wings.

SCARED BY HIS OWN VOICE

But, as luck would have it, he ran down the slope leading to the tunnel that runs under the Inner Circle roadway.

There, in the semi-darkness, he trumpeted. And, scared by the weird echo of his voice there inside the tunnel, his heart failed him. Turning in his tracks, he raced back to his paddock where Headkeeper Hexter was waiting to give the bird a "leg up" over the fence!

CRAVEN HILL

IT HAPPENED

THIS WEEK

Jane Austen dies

JULY 18, 1817. WINCHESTER—Miss Jane Austen, 41-year-old novelist, died in lodgings at College Street, Winchester, today after a long illness.

Miss Austen has published four novels that have earned high praise in literary circles, but the books were published anonymously and she was known as a novelist to only a few people.

One of the few was the Prince Regent. He took the opportunity when Miss Austen was in London, two years ago, to invite her to Carlton House. He asked her to dedicate her next novel to him.

The four novels she published are *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Emma*, the last mentioned being the one dedicated to the Prince Regent. The books have not had a wide sale, earning their writer less than £700. Miss Austen is known to have completed two other novels, and these are to be published shortly.

Philip of Spain arrives

JULY 20, 1954. SOUTHAMPTON—The 27-year-old Prince Philip of Spain who is to marry her Majesty Queen Mary in Winchester Cathedral on July 25 arrived here today from Corunna.

It was noticed that as Prince Philip stepped ashore he glanced around him quickly and nervously. The Prince is well aware that Protestants in England are bitterly opposed to Queen Mary marrying a Prince of the Roman Catholic faith.

Neither soldiers nor sailors are to be allowed to land from the Spanish ships, but it is understood that the pages in the Spanish retinue are actually musketeers disguised in liveries and carrying arms concealed in their baggage.

The Prince was advised to wear a shirt of mail under his doublet and to eat only food prepared by his own cook.

He is to meet his royal bride in three days' time at Winchester—for the first time.

Soldiers allowed to have moustaches!

JULY 21, 1854. LONDON—Soldiers are to be allowed to grow moustaches!

An Army memorandum was circulated today giving them permission "to keep the upper lip unshaven." But, in Army style, strict measurements are imposed on the growths on the upper lip.

"A clear space of two inches must be left between the corner of the mouth and the whisker, where whiskers are grown.

"The chin, the under lip, and at least two inches of the upper part of the throat must be clean-shaven, so that no hair can be seen above the stock in that place."

RADIO AND TV

SEASIDE SIGHTS

Cameras pay a visit to Southend

IF TV could transmit ozone as well as the sights and sounds of the seaside, viewers could enjoy the benefits of a stay in Southend without stirring from their armchairs at home.

August 1 will see the start of a series of transmissions from Southend, beginning on Bank Holiday afternoon with camera shots from the end of the pier as the old paddle steamer Medway Queen draws alongside. Josephine Douglas and Peter West will be on board to talk to some of the passengers.

The Medway Queen is one of the last surviving paddle boats, and the only one plying on the Thames. During the war she was reported lost at Dunkirk but managed to paddle back under her own steam.

When the two BBC commentators disembark, they will meet Southend's Carnival Queen, and viewers will join them in a procession. On August 3 the Roving Eye camera will go to the Kursaal, Southend's amusement park, and on August 4. Cliff



Josephine Douglas

Michelmores will introduce a special programme for children.

But the highlight, it seems to me, will be Robinson Crusoe on the evening of August 4 in the Westcliff Baths.

This first water-panto for TV will have girls very like real mermaids. Each will have her feet in a frogman's flipper to resemble a tail. An island is being set up in the middle of the baths because there is no other way of discovering Man Friday's footmarks.

Armchair flying

VIEWERS may soon be able to "fly" in their armchairs as a result of successful experiments carried out the other day in air-to-ground TV with a Varsity training aircraft of the R.A.F.

Outside Broadcasts chief Peter Dimmock, who attended the tests,



Alan Chivers

was delighted to find that TV contact between the aircraft and a micro-wave receiving station on the ground was maintained from take-off to touch-down. The Air Ministry and the BBC are now considering a series of aircraft TV programmes for August 27, 28, and 29.

These tests, by the way, are the first indication that the BBC's new experimental O.B. unit is now in action. Ex-fighter pilot Alan Chivers is the producer in charge.

On Children's Hour

You can learn a lot about cricket by going over past games. That is what Rex Alston and Surrey cricketer Alf Gover will be doing in Children's Hour on Thursday. Earlier in the week they will have been watching the Surrey versus South Africa match. Chatting together in the

broadcast, they will pick out the lessons to be learnt from the good and bad play on both sides.

Children's Hour listeners interested in newspaper work should not miss the new serial starting on Friday. The Adventures of Deadline Donovan, coming from Scotland, is the story of a young reporter.

On Saturday John Lane is producing I Want to be in the Hotel Industry, by Alastair Dunnott.

For all ages

RAYs for stopping cars, strange goings-on in lonely marshes, international spies, and puzzles for the police—all these help to make up the ingredients of The Man Who Could Not Sleep.

I am told that this six-part thriller serial starting in the Light at eight o'clock on Thursday is likely to grip the attention of people of all ages. It is written by Michael Gilbert, and the hero will be played by Michael Fox.

Water frolics

IT will be a real amphibious operation when TV covers the Bournemouth Aquashow in the Pier Approach Baths on Thursday. So as not to miss anything, the cameras will have to switch rapidly from the swimming pool to the diving boards and to the "dry" stage which is erected over the bath itself.

This water show is the only one of its kind in Britain presented regularly every year in an indoor pool with full theatrical lighting and effects. Besides the dry acts, there is every sort of straight and comedy diving as well as precision swimming, water ballets, and mosaics. Cliff Michelmores will be alongside trying to give three commentaries at once!

ERNEST THOMSON

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SEASIDE HOME

HOLIDAY-MAKERS in the Isle of Wight now have the opportunity of seeing Queen Victoria's private rooms at Osborne House. Opened to the public this year for the first time, they offer a wonderful glimpse of life in Victorian times, for they have been preserved as they were when the great queen died there in 1901. Moreover, she herself had kept everything in them as it had been at the death of her dearly-loved husband, Prince Albert, in 1861. It is as though time had stood still there for 94 years.

In the sitting-room are the twin desks where the queen and her devoted Prince Consort sat side by side, she attending to State papers while he dutifully submitted memoranda for her inspection. The room is, as we should say today, "cluttered up" with chintz-covered furniture and with ornaments of many kinds. Here are pictures, portraits in oval frames both large and small, statuettes; a vase under a glass dome—all the bric-à-brac treasured by our great-great-grandparents. For 100 years ago many wealthy homes in Britain were furnished just like this.

One curiosity is a German musical box in the shape of a fort which plays a march from Wagner's Tannhäuser; another is a most elaborate baby-grand piano with a tasselled stool, and so on. On the balcony outside this room, when the children were

in bed, the Royal father and mother would stand on summer evenings listening to the nightingales.

Heart-broken by her husband's death, Victoria resolved to preserve Osborne in his memory. It was indeed a fitting memorial, for the talented prince had himself designed this imposing mansion and its delightful grounds, helped by a celebrated London builder named Thomas Cubitt.

In the 1840s the young queen and her prince had needed a private residence where they and their growing family could sometimes escape from the glare of public life, "a place of one's own, quiet and retired," as Victoria put it. She chose the site. "It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot," she wrote. "We have a charming beach quite to ourselves—we can walk anywhere without being followed or mobbed."

LIKE AN ITALIAN VILLA

Prince Albert planned his holiday home in the manner of an Italian villa, with flat-topped towers and a balcony, and the "Osborne style" thus created by him became popular among wealthy house-builders in the 19th century.

To this tree-bowered retreat the Royal family came every summer. Here the children played in the Swiss Cottage specially built for them in the grounds, revelling in its miniature kitchen where, with pinafores on and sleeves rolled up, they would mix cakes for a tea party to which they had invited their parents.

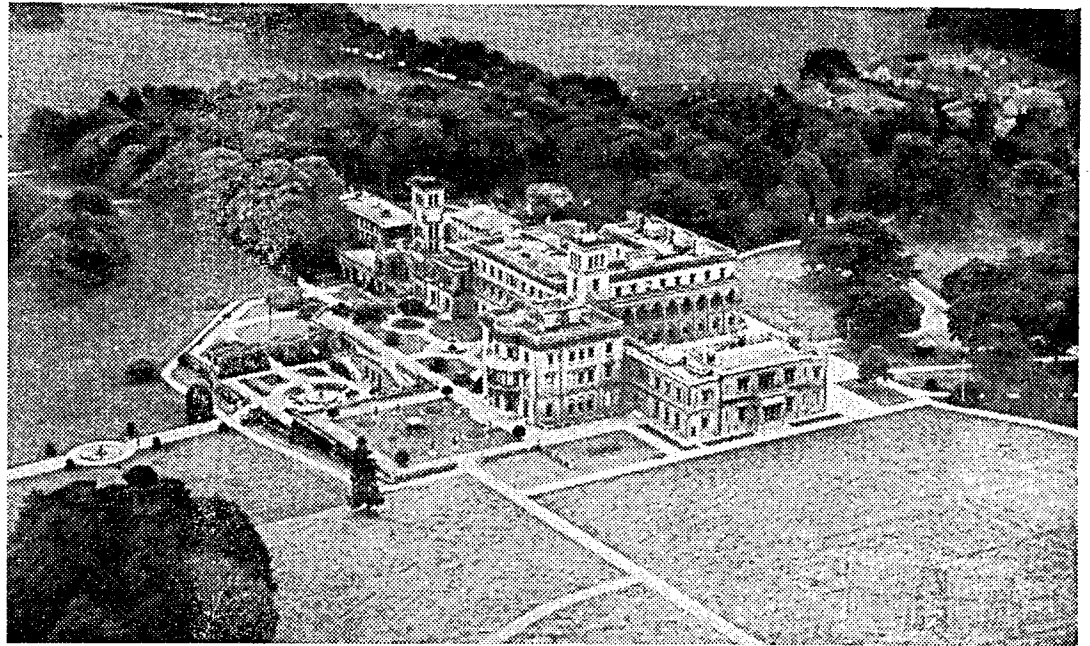
Near the Swiss Cottage is Queen Victoria's quaint old bathing machine on four wheels. It

was run down a sloping pier into the sea, and had a veranda with a drawn curtain.

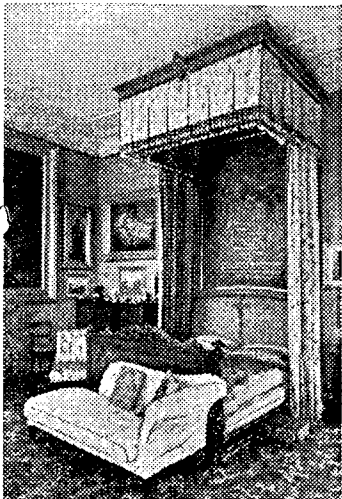
But the most touching relics of Queen Victoria's happy days are those in the newly-opened rooms. In the prince's dressing-room the stand with his umbrellas and walking sticks is still as he left it. In the window are curious mementoes—marble replicas of the chubby arms and legs of his children.

Standing in the bedroom where the queen died, we can reflect that it was here an era ended. And with her passing, too, came the end of Victorian life at Osborne. King Edward VII did not wish to live there, and he presented most of the beautiful estate to the nation.

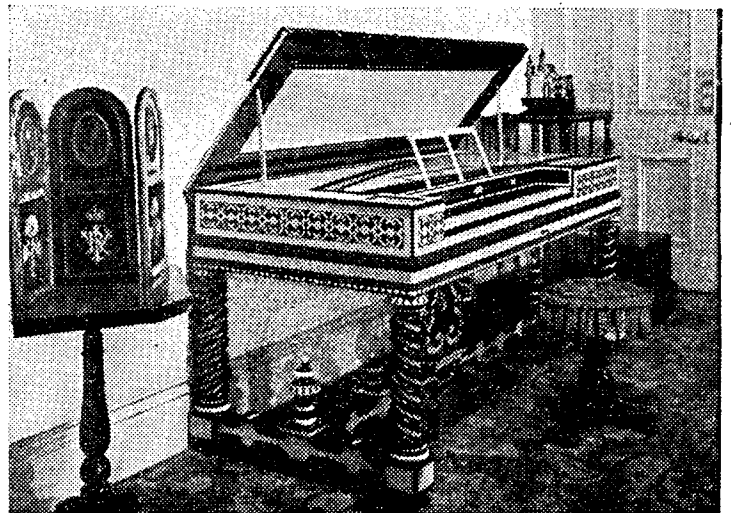
But Victoria's private suite remained closed to the public until her great-great-granddaughter, our own Queen Elizabeth, gave permission for its opening. It was a gracious act, allowing us to see intensely interesting relics of a famous queen, a devoted prince, and a happy Christian family.



Osborne House, near East Cowes on the Isle of Wight, now open to the public



Queen Victoria's bedroom



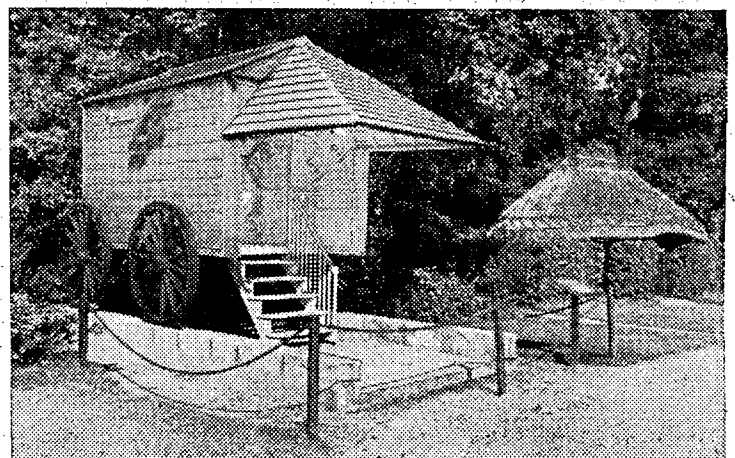
The baby-grand piano in the queen's sitting-room



The Swiss Cottage, brought from Switzerland for the Royal children



The view from the house, looking across Spithead towards the mainland



The bathing machine which was lowered down a sloping pier to the sea

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JOHNNY KNOWS

A STRANGE experiment which has taken place in Australia indicates "that healthy young children will eat practically any food providing they are not compelled to eat it."

The "guinea-pigs" in this experiment were 53 kindergarten children. Every lunch-time for a month they helped themselves to a selection of 61 different foods.

Strange mixtures they concocted, mixtures at which many people would shudder, even close their eyes. Think, for instance, of a little lad mixing jam with bacon and eggs and jelly, and then sprinkling the whole with chocolate sauce.

The favourite dish? Chips, followed by jelly, oranges, frankfurters, and ice-cream.

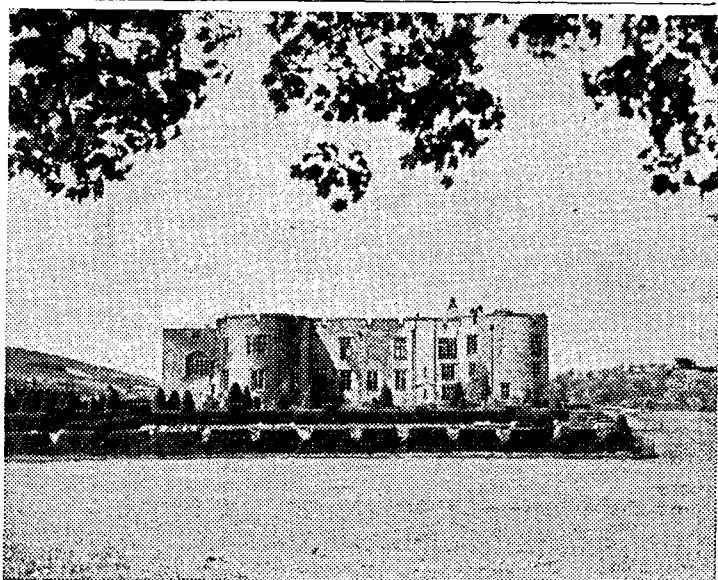
It seems that colour played a big part in influencing the young children's choice; but whatever the guiding principle they chose balanced foods and vitamins, and only one child was sick.

Perhaps Johnny knows best after all!

TOP OF THE LIST

A FRENCH literary jury recently decided that Dickens's Great Expectations is the best foreign novel written in the past 100 years. At the bottom of the list came Treasure Island.

We cannot help feeling that if the jurymen had been 30 years younger, it would have been well at the top.



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

SHOP THAT GIVES

ONE of Britain's most remarkable shops is the one run by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. It is a Gift Shop, and a message inside says: "All the articles in this shop have been given by people anxious to bring some measure of comfort to homeless children and other refugees."

The goods for sale range from trinkets in the sixpenny basket to valuable gold watches, and the shop has a constant throng of window gazers.

Some £200 go into its till every week, and from that till goes constant help to some of the world's 25 million homeless people.

Most of us have some discarded object which we could send to the shop. A list of the surprisingly varied things it requires can be obtained from Child Relief, 17 Broad Street, Oxford.

Think on These Things

ST. PAUL's Epistle to the Philippians is one of the happiest of his letters. It was written to the Christians at Philippi, then one of the most important towns in Greece. St. Paul had preached to the people there, and a small Christian church had come into being.

When St. Paul left them to continue his missionary journey, they kept in touch with him, sending him gifts to show their love and affection. Moreover, when the great Apostle was a prisoner in Rome, they sent one of their number, a certain Epaphroditus, to bring him news of the infant church.

To the Philippians St. Paul says: "I thank God upon every remembrance of you all." That is a wonderful testimonial to the high regard in which St. Paul held them. Above all, he is thankful for their growth in the Christian life.

When we think of our friends and what they mean to us, we, too, can thank God. And we should strive to live so that others will be able to thank God that they know us. O. R. C.

Railway station nursery

MONTREAL'S Windsor station has a nursery for the benefit of mothers who have to wait with young children. It has a playroom with plenty of toys, another with cots for babies and easy-chairs for mothers, and yet another where babies can be bathed.

Describing all this in the journal Mother and Child, Dr. Dennis H. Geffen, O.B.E., comments: "I wonder how many young mothers in England would welcome a similar innovation in some of our big stations?"

They certainly would! Traveling long distances with small children is a trying ordeal for the most robust of mothers. Euston and Waterloo, please set the ball rolling.

Australia's Chief Scout



Sir William Slim, the Australian Governor-General, chatting with officials after his recent investiture as Chief Scout of Australia.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, July 25, 1925

PICTURE telegraphy seems to have jumped rapidly from the experimental stage into the stage of practical science.

Pictures of the California earthquake were published in London, 6500 miles away, only eight days after the disaster occurred.

Santa Barbara, the scene of the earthquake, is about as far from New York as London is, and the mail voyage from New York to England takes six or seven days, so that it is clear that the photographs travelled at an almost incredible speed. They were carried by aeroplane 350 miles to San Francisco, and then telegraphed 3000 miles to New York in time to catch the mail boat to England. It is, of course, a marvellous feat, but what will strike most people is that if the pictures had been telegraphed all the way instead of being carried by aeroplane and steamer they would have come in a fraction of the time. Already it is only a question of minutes to send them across a continent.

JUST AN IDEA

As J. M. Barrie wrote: Let us all try and be a little kinder than is necessary.

THEY SAY...

I REMEMBER only too well the times when I was wet, cold, miserable, probably sick, and often scared stiff, but I would not have missed that experience for anything; in any case the discomfort was far outweighed by the moments of intense happiness and excitement.

The Duke of Edinburgh, on his life at sea

WE save time, yet we spend time in a different way and are not aware of the time we save, and make no good use of it.

Sir Herbert Read

I HAVE been struck by the number of mayors of towns and cities who have been Scouts in their younger days.

General Sir Rob Lockhart, Deputy Chief Scout

THE world needs the church as it needs nothing else. Politics, social reform, or psychology are no substitutes.

Dr. L. D. Weatherhead, of the City Temple in London

THE most quiet and harmless persons often change completely when they drive a motor vehicle. It might well be said that "while power corrupts, horse power corrupts absolutely."

Sir Frank Medlicott, M.P.

WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c gives the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 VISCOSITY
 - a Stickiness
 - b Early development
 - c Outrageous thing
- 2 TAMBOURINE
 - a A kind of orange
 - b Like a bull
 - c A small drum
- 3 VENTIL
 - a Plant grown for food
 - b Valve in a musical instrument
 - c Of the abdomen
- 4 BEVEL
 - a A company
 - b Sloping surface
 - c A semi-precious stone
- 5 SEBACEOUS
 - a Fatty
 - b Perennial flowering border
 - c Lying

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Out and About

ALL through this month it is noticeable that we get less and less bird-song. The birds that still attempt to sing seem to find it difficult. The cuckoo can just say "cuk" hoarsely, and by next week will be silent.

An old country rhyme told how in April the cuckoo sang "by rote" and in June could not "sing a note," which was not quite true, but the song had by then become "six cookes to one koo."

In fact the parent cuckoos are restless now, for in another week or so they will start on their long migration to Africa, leaving the young behind to grow bigger and make their own way, quite successfully, at the beginning of autumn.

C. D. D.

Next Week's Birthdays

July 24

Simon Bolivar, known as The Liberator (1783-1830). A student of law and influenced by the ideas of the French Revolution, he was determined to rid his native land of Spanish domination. He visited London but failed to get the help of the British Government, though many British fought in his army as volunteers. The modern states of Venezuela, Peru, Columbia, and Bolivia (named after him) owe their freedom to the great Simon.

July 25

Lord Amulree (1900). A Liberal peer, active member of the House of Lords, who has done a great deal of work for the welfare of Old People. He is a distinguished doctor.

July 26

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950). He lived his 94 years with the greatest possible zest, gaining a fine reputation both as music critic and dramatic critic before he became famous as a dramatist. His output was prodigious—nearly fifty plays and innumerable articles and pamphlets, as well as some novels written early in his career.

July 27

Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953). Poet, essayist, historian, novelist, and journalist. Born a Frenchman, he gave his heart to England and was naturalised in 1902. His home, Shipley Mill in his beloved county of Sussex, is to be made into a permanent memorial to him.

July 28

Jacopo Sannazaro (1458-1530). Italian poet of the Renaissance. The esteem in which he was held in his day can best be judged from the fact that the citizens of Venice once paid him 6000 gold crowns for six lines of eulogy on their city.

July 29

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905). Secretary-General of the United Nations since 1953. He comes of a distinguished Swedish family of soldiers and statesmen and was considered Sweden's leading monetary expert until his diplomatic career led him to his present highly important international office.

July 30

Emily Brontë (1818-1848). Author of Wuthering Heights, one of the greatest novels in the English language. A strange and lonely genius, she is also remembered for her wonderful poem that begins

No coward soul is mine,
No trembler in the world's
storm-troubled sphere:
I see Heaven's glories shine,
And faith shines equal, arming
me from fear.



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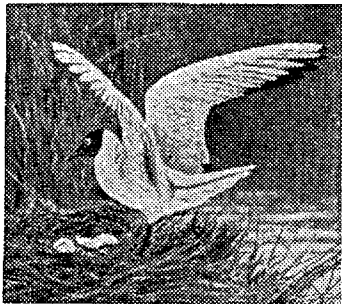
REPORT ON WILD LIFE

NEW BIRDS ON THE WATCHERS' LISTS

Few countries have their birds so keenly watched as Britain. In fact, species once thought rare or even unknown here are being found in increasing numbers.

Two additions to the watchers' list, both visitors from North America, have already been found in Britain this year. They are a Hudsonian curlew, seen at Fair Island off the north of Scotland, and a myrtle warbler at Newton St. Cyres in Devon. Unfortunately, after staying over a month, the myrtle warbler was found dead, a fate which also befell a young Iceland gull which had spent five months to the great interest of bird-watchers on the River Dee at Parkgate.

The wood-warbler is a common summer visitor to many beech and oak woods, where its quiet



A black-headed gull returning to its nest

and rather sweet splutter of notes is often heard. But elsewhere it is not so often seen and this year's passage migration brought what was thought to be the first specimen to the Cley Bird Observatory at Blakeney Point on the Norfolk coast.

The greenshank has nested again on Scotland's Rannoch Moor as well as in the Cairngorms, while in Staffordshire members of the West Midland Bird Club have again watched one or two pairs of common terns nesting at a reservoir. Terns are usually seaside birds in this country although in western Ireland several colonies nest on the islands in the loughs. These south

Staffordshire birds have unfortunately not been very successful in rearing young since they chose the spot for nesting in 1952.

Probably because of the shortage of rabbits, killed off by myxomatosis, buzzards have been scarcer this summer in Radnorshire, and fewer pairs than usual were found with nests. It is feared that they, and an even rarer bird-of-prey, the kite, might take to chicken-raiding.

DISAPPEARING KITES

Although not our rarest British nester, the kite is now reduced to a dwindling population. This slow-flying, fork-tailed hawk breeds chiefly in the oak woods and pine forests in the Cothi and upper Towy valleys around Rhandirmwyn and in the upper Elan valley of Brecon.

More than half-a-dozen kites nested in "the kite country" this summer, but not all successfully. One pair built in a larch spinney beside the road from Ystradffyn to Bull-finn, only to desert it, disturbed perhaps by work in the nearby farm fields. Another nest was made in an oak in the forestry of Dalep, on the other side of the Towy, and two eggs laid, despite tree-felling and forestry work, but later deserted.

SHARKS BY OUR COASTS

The warm weather often brings shoals of basking sharks to our coasts. They measure between 20 and 25 feet in length and have appeared since in the Irish Sea, off Port Erin in the Isle of Man, and Morfa Nevin on the Caernarvonshire coast. Shoals of these summer fish range as far as the Firth of Clyde. They are harmless visitors, unless they become entangled in the fisherman's nets which they break with their weight.

When the large back-fin of the basking shark is seen moving very slowly on the surface, the fish is not "basking" in the sunshine but using its gills to filter the tiny plankton from the sea and so feed.

Three new nature reserves were recently formed in Wales. Of

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Ponyback holiday

Pony trekking has replaced hiking as the popular activity at the holiday hostel at Kinfauns Castle, Perthshire. The riders here are setting out for a 25-mile trek.

YOUNG BELLRINGER

It was a proud day for eleven-year-old James Rooke when for the first time he took part in ringing the quarter peal before evening service at Warsop parish church in Nottinghamshire. The quarter peal consisted of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Minor, and James was one of the youngest ringers in Nottinghamshire ever to take part in this. He rang the treble bell while his brother, Douglas conducted and rang the tenor. Their father is Captain of the Warsop bellringers.

these Cader Idris ("The Chair of Idris", a bardic giant) is a 2900-foot mountain near Barmouth, noted for its rare flowers like the hairy greenweed and the purple mountain-saxifrage. Cor Gôch Glan Teifi is a 2000-acre peat bog in the Elenith mountains north of Tregaron, and the site of a prehistoric lake. A red variety of the polecat is found here, adders, too, and sometimes harriers and bitterns; and in winter it is a feeding ground of Greenland white-fronted geese. The third new reserve, Newborough Warren and Llandwyn Island, Anglesey, includes nesting places of harriers and roseate terns, while the warren grows many rare plants, including the green duneland helleborine orchid.

E. H.

UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S TOMB WAS HIS IDEA

In the nave of Westminster Abbey is a stone with an inscription beginning: "Beneath this stone rests the body of a British warrior unknown by name or rank..." It marks the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

The man who suggested paying homage in this way to all who gave their lives in the First World War was the Rev. David Railton, M.C., who recently died as the result of an accident.

The idea came to him as early as 1916 when he was an Army Chaplain serving in France, and later he spoke of it to the Dean of Westminster. As a result, the body of an unknown soldier was brought from France, wrapped in a Union Jack which David Railton had used as an altar cloth for services at the front.

They re-buried him in Westminster Abbey, close to David Livingstone. And there among the immortals he rests—an unknown British soldier who laid down his life for his country on the battlefield.

The inspiring idea was followed in other lands. In the National Cemetery at Arlington rests the Unknown Warrior of the United States. Under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris rests the Unknown Soldier of France. In the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli in Rome is the tomb of Italy's Unknown Warrior.

They commemorate for all time the countless hosts who made the supreme sacrifice. They symbolise for all time the fearful tragedy of war.

HOME FURNISHINGS OF ROMAN BRITAIN

Some refinements of home life in Roman Britain were mentioned at a recent meeting of archaeologists in London. The amenities of Roman country houses included folding stools made of iron, wheel-turned polished tables, homespun curtains or cushion material, and decorative wall plaster.

STAMP ALBUM

JOURNEY TO THE MOON



JULES VERNE WROTE "FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON" NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO. THIS RECENT MONACO STAMP COMMEMORATING HIS DEATH 50 YEARS AGO ILLUSTRATES HIS PROPHETIC THEME.



BORROWED DESIGN

WHEN CRETE WANTED A POSTAGE DUE STAMP IN 1900, THEY TOOK THE NORWEGIAN DESIGN OF 1871 AND COPIED IT ALMOST EXACTLY! THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IS IN THE SIZE.



The YOUNG PHILATELISTS (Germany 1951)

THE WORD PHILATELY (STUDY AND COLLECTION OF

STAMPS) WAS COINED BY A FRENCHMAN IN 1864. IT COMES FROM THE GREEK PHILOS (LOVING) AND ATELEIA (EXEMPTION FROM TAX), A STAMP ON LETTER OR PARCEL DENOTING THAT NO FURTHER CHARGE WAS PAYABLE ON DELIVERY.

? PUZZLE CORNER ?



THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP WAS THE BRITISH PENNY BLACK, ISSUED IN 1840. THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FOLLOW SUIT ISSUED THE 'BULLSEYE' STAMP IN 1843.

WHICH COUNTRY WAS IT ?

Answer on back page

PIONEER AIRMEN OF SHEPPEY

An impressive memorial to the pioneer airmen who, 45 years ago, flew from the Isle of Sheppey, is to be unveiled next Monday by Lord Tedder.

It was at Leysdown, Isle of Sheppey, in 1909, that the Short brothers, Oswald, Horace, and Eustace, began their first experiments. One of their first tasks was to repair the Voisin biplane in which Lord Brabazon became the first English airman to fly in the British Isles.

Later the brothers moved to much larger premises at Eastchurch where they established themselves as the world's first aircraft manufacturers. Their Short No. 2 biplane (No. 1 was built in an arch beneath the railway at Battersea) was used by Lord Brabazon to make the first circular flight in a British plane.

WALL MEMORIAL

The Royal Aero Club was founded on the island, and it was here that the first Royal Naval Air Service Station was formed.

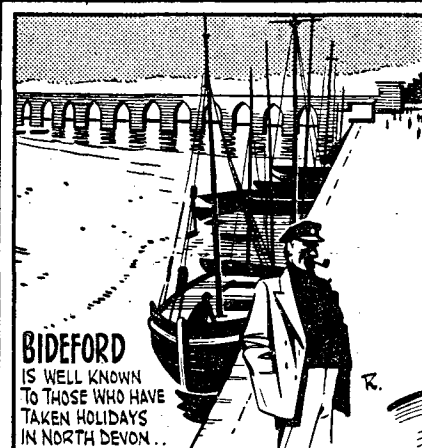
The memorial to the pioneers consists of a long Portland stone wall, with an impressive centre feature dominated by a sculptured figure of Zeus, classical god of the heavens.

Below are three panels for names and inscriptions, and underneath these, in bas-relief, is a Sunderland flying-boat.

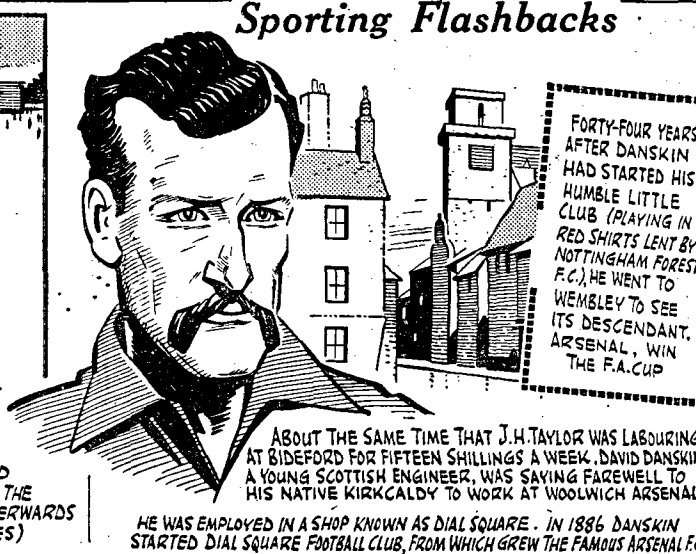
HEDGE-SPARROWS NEEDING HELP

Taking pity on two over-worked hedge-sparrows who were trying to satisfy the huge appetite of a baby cuckoo in their nest, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward of Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, have been helping to feed the intruder.

Its diet has been meat paste, but it has to be offered on a fork, because the ungrateful youngster, which has already turned the baby sparrows out of the nest, pecks savagely at the unfamiliar creatures who feed him.



NOT SO WELL KNOWN IS THAT WHEN BIDEFORD QUAY WAS WIDENED IN THE 1880'S, ONE OF THE WORKMEN EMPLOYED WAS J.H. TAYLOR (AFTERWARDS TO BECOME OPEN GOLF CHAMPION FIVE TIMES)



SINGING THEIR WAY ROUND EUROPE

Young people's choirs from abroad are sure of a welcome here. The Little Singers of Paris have charmed their audiences with folk songs, and the Vienna Boys' Choir have had a great reception. But the largest group from any University Chapel Choir ever to visit us has been that of the Pennsylvania State University, 75 strong.

The idea of the whole trip has been to introduce the church music of America to Europe, and to learn something of the great English and Continental traditions of church singing. Besides this these young Americans wanted to meet music lovers of their own age in the countries they were visiting.

On arrival they gave a performance at London's Morley

BIGGER DOGS

Most dogs, whatever their breed, are bigger than the dogs of 25 years ago.

This was announced by some American veterinary surgeons after comparing the records of many types of dogs of 25 years ago with similar breeds today. Dogs, they believe, are probably continuing to increase in size.

College and then at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, where they combined with members of Trinity College of Music in singing selections from the Messiah. In this church is the Memorial Window to Sir Henry Wood who was ever a champion of the young musician.

The young singers then gave another joint performance, with the choir of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, and afterwards went to Stratford-on-Avon and saw a performance of Macbeth at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

When on their way to Oxford the Duchess of Marlborough welcomed them to a meal at Blenheim and escorted them round. As many of them had not even been as far as New York before, this must have seemed indeed a fairy palace. And they sang in its private chapel.

At Portsmouth Cathedral they sang the introit of the service, and at Hove, after the concert, were taken in pairs to the homes of families, and so learned what an ordinary English household looks like, a thing a tourist rarely sees.

Back again in London they

sang to the scholars of East Ham Grammar School, and to St. Paul's Girls' School. Sir Robert Mayer, founder of the now famous 'organisation, Youth and Music, helped to arrange many of these visits.

Later this busy choir travelled on to Germany and Switzerland before going to Rome where they spent five days, singing in the U.S. church there. Then they made for the Music Festival at Aix-en-Provence by way of lovely Florence.

The few days left at their disposal are being spent in Paris before going to Amsterdam where they will board, on July 28, the same Cloudmaster which brought them to Europe.

These young people have paid their own expenses.

PRIME MINISTER'S PET

Prime Minister Nehru of India has a pet panda named Bhimsa which was given to him by Himalayan tribesmen.

It lives chiefly on bamboo shoots and leaves, grapes, and milk, and when Mr. Nehru is at home he finds time to feed his pet himself, helped by his two grandchildren, Rajiv and Sanjaya.

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YOUNG REPORTERS OF THE VILLAGE

There are more than 130 young reporters in the West Sussex village of Barnham. Some of them under ten and none over 15, they are pupils of Barnham School, and their adventure began when 36 seniors set out to discover all they could about their parish.

John Kimber and Stephen Young interviewed the retired station-master and his 91-year-old wife while a young photographer recorded the meeting. David Prior and Jacqueline Delacour made a special study of the local farming. Other boys and girls learned at first hand about the old village Slate Club.

HOARD OF INFORMATION

Before long the children of Barnham had compiled a hoard of information of deep interest to local historians and to naturalists; for the birds and butterflies, the trees and flowers, were all studied as well as the roads, the layout of the fields, the methods of farming, and the most recent developments.

At the Royal Counties Show at Horsham thousands of visitors admired the work of these young school reporters. Now some West Sussex folk are saying: "What Barnham does today, the rest of the country may do tomorrow." For this village survey has aroused keen interest and increased local pride.

NOTABLE CENTURY AT BRAMALL LANE

An exhibition of Two Centuries of Cricket Art at the Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield (open until August 6), marks the centenary of the Bramall Lane Cricket Ground in the City of Steel.

Among the 200 pictures on view are portraits of some of the players who took part in the first county match played at the Lane—Yorkshire versus Sussex, played in August 1855. One of them is of John Wisden of the famous Almanack; he made 148 for Sussex and helped to defeat Yorkshire.

THE MASTER OF BALLANTRAE—picture-version of R. L. Stevenson's dramatic story (3)



Continuing his story, Burke said the pirates reached a creek on the American coast where they intended dividing the loot. But James drugged their drink and, while they lay senseless, tied their captain to the mast. Then he, Burke, and two pirates who were in the plot, escaped ashore with all the plunder. James wanted the two desperadoes because they knew a path through the dangerous swamps beside the creek.



One pirate was drowned in a bog and the other, after showing James the path, was himself trapped. James, having no further use for the man, inhumanly stabbed him. There followed a long journey through North America on which James and Burke quarrelled and separated—James keeping the treasure, which he buried in the wilderness. Eventually they both reached French Canada and, friends again, travelled to Paris.



Burke seemed a simple-minded person, completely under the spell of his unscrupulous friend's dazzling personality and making light of his iniquities. But it was clear that James would stick at nothing to gain his own ends. It was clear, too, that as an exile for his part in the 1745 rebellion, he blamed his misfortunes on his younger brother, Henry, whose secure position at Durrisdeer he bitterly resented.



In Mr. Mackellar's room Henry showed his trusted steward his brother's letter. James wanted money—an outrageous sum, and he demanded it insolently. Mackellar replied that at present no money could be spared without running the estate into debt. But Henry insisted on sending a large sum. Now that he knew that James was alive, it seemed that he felt he had no moral right to be heir to Durrisdeer.

Henry's conscientious attitude seems likely to bring him sore trials. See next week's instalment

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Continuing

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

by Malcolm Saville

Paul and Sally Richardson and their friend Elizabeth Langton have discovered the meaning of "267"—three figures given in a mysterious note sent to Sally. The clue is a page number in the old book given to her by Mrs. Quegley in Richmond. The page describes a place called Swinnergill Kirk which is a lonely ravine with a waterfall. Behind the fall, the book says, there is a hidden cave. The children set off to explore it.

11. Swinnergill Kirk

WHEN they started, the morning was clear and bright with only a few clouds sailing across the sky. Sally had not brought Mrs. Quegley's old book with her because it was heavy, but they all remembered the directions for finding Swinnergill Kirk.

The path was very steep and zig-zagged up through the bracken until they were high above the dale. Crackpot was out of sight beyond the shoulder of the hill, but Sally pointed out two white specks in a field nearly a mile away on the other side of the river.

"That's where George and Keith are camping, Liz," she said, as they climbed over the brow of the hill. The track then swung to the left, and soon they were looking down on to the ravine made by the Swinnergill Beck. Elizabeth, who was leading, stopped suddenly.

Grim area

"I suppose that's Crackpot on the opposite hill? It looks pretty grim."

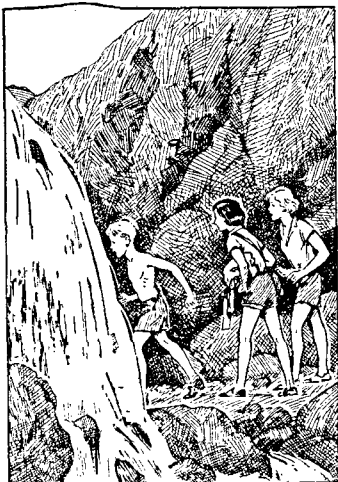
Sally nodded. "I suppose all the opposite side—the hill, I mean—is called Buzzard Scar. It didn't seem quite clear in the book."

"It's there somewhere," said Paul. "The next place we've got to find is where two streams meet and the ruins of the miners' cottages. Come on, or we'll have no time to explore the cave."

The girls followed him without speaking. Neither would admit it,

but this was a grim and lonely place and much more forbidding now that the sun had gone in. Paul was nearly twenty yards ahead when he turned and shouted and then disappeared behind some rocks. When the girls reached the same spot they saw him far below them scrambling up a grey, stony slope towards the ruins of two cottages on the other side of the stream. This was the place where the two becks met. It was a meeting also of two treeless valleys.

The path which they had been using swung round to the right above the East Grain beck, and



Paul plunged behind the waterfall

the girls realised that if they followed it, they would have to walk back along the side of the stream to reach Paul, who was now waving and shouting.

"You'll have to slide down, same as I did. Just hang on to each other and you'll be O.K." And perhaps rather tactfully he disappeared into one of the ruined cottages.

The girls scrambled down somehow and were both thankful that they were wearing shorts. Sally slipped into the stream as she missed her footing but was now past caring whether she was wet or dry. There was not much to see in the ruins. Only the outer

walls were standing and grass, open to the sky, was growing where a few miners and their families had once lived.

"Nothing much here," Paul admitted ruefully almost as if he expected to see a ghost. "Let's get on up to the Kirk. Doesn't look as if there's much of a path now, whatever the book said."

He was right, for in some places the track had collapsed and in others it was too steep and muddy after weeks of rain to climb even on hands and knees. The only way, as Paul pointed out, was to use stones in the bed of the stream when it was shallow enough. Their shoes were soon wet through and the higher they went the wilder and steeper was the ravine.

The waterfall

A lot of water was coming down the beck and it was not long before they had to find the path again, because they were unable to scramble up the waterfalls which were three or four feet high. Sally and Elizabeth were discussing the plight of the persecuted worshippers of those far-off days when Paul, who was in front, gave a shout of triumph which the girls heard above the roar of water.

"We've found it! This must be the place."

The girls pulled themselves up a ledge of rock and saw Swinnergill Kirk for the first time. Straight ahead of them the biggest waterfall they had ever seen in the Dale plunged into a pool of seething water. On their right the walls of the ravine were too steep to climb, and the path which they had been trying to follow stopped on a little beach. The pool was about 15 yards wide, but the cliff beyond it was not quite so steep as the one under which they were standing.

Paul leads the way

"Find the torch, Sall. That's all I want. Are you girls coming, too?"

"Well," Elizabeth said doubtfully, "doesn't seem much sense in us all getting wet at the same time, does it, Sall?"

"I told you to put on your bathing things, didn't I?" Paul said, as he dragged off his sweater and then his shirt.

Sally felt guilty. She was the eldest and it seemed rather feeble to allow her young brother to take the lead. She looked doubtfully at Elizabeth and decided that they would follow closely behind with Paul acting as pathfinder. They crossed the stream at its narrowest, where the water ran out of the pool, by jumping to a boulder.

There was very little room for them to walk, even single file, between the seething water and the cliff, but they did notice that it would be possible to climb up this side to the top. And then they saw the dark opening of the cave behind the curtain of falling water.

"Stay here," Paul shouted, "I'll be back." And before Sally could beg him to take care, he had vanished through the spray. They waited anxiously for a few minutes without saying much, and

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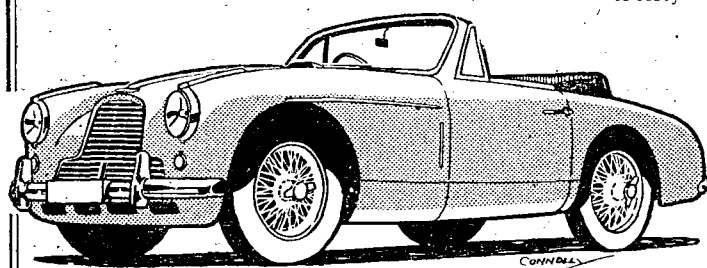
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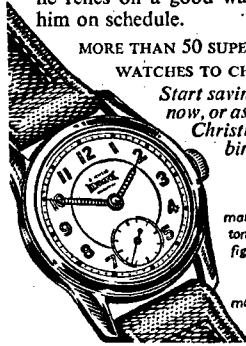
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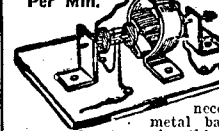
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Pantomime in July!



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SPORTS SHORTS

Without salary

AUSTRALIAN cricketer Ken Rogers, who plays for Stalybridge, Cheshire, has been out of form just recently. So he notified the club that until he regained his form he would not accept his match fee.

SOON after he won the Wimbledon Championship in 1951, America's Dick Savitt gave up all-the-year-round tournament tennis to concentrate on business. But he still plays at his local club and twice a year plays in a tournament. Obviously he still retains much of the old skill for this year he took the new Wimbledon champion Tony Trabert, and Vic Seixas to five sets before losing.

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DELORES KIPPLE, 22-year-old American, recently rode a single water ski from Miami to Nassau in the Bahamas. She covered the 200 miles, towed by two speedboats, in ten hours 25 minutes.

REG "TERRY" WATERS, from Camberwell, recently won the British 50 miles tandem-paced cycling championship for the fourth time, in one hour 37 minutes 59.4 seconds.

LITTLE more than a year ago, Eric Shirley, 26-year-old member of Finchley Harriers, was achieving little success as a cross-country and middle distance runner. Then he was persuaded by a friend to take up the steeplechase. Now he is the new holder of the English native record of eight minutes 59.4 seconds for the 3000-metre steeplechase event.

Wimbledon winners

UNSEEN by most of the people at Wimbledon on Finals Day, British players were winning another tournament there—a competition for the best under-18 players from more than a dozen countries. The winners were 17-year-old Michael Hanni of Leeds and 15-year-old Sheila Armstrong of Manchester.

THE other day Adrian Grayson, Pickering (Yorkshire) school-boy, played for his school in the morning, taking seven wickets for 73. That same afternoon, playing for the Pickering C. C. XI, took six for 41 and scored 33 runs. Adrian once took all ten wickets for three runs in a schools' match.

Complete all-rounder

WHEN 15-year-old Kenneth Hirst leaves Cross Flatts Secondary Modern School, Leeds, at the end of this month he will leave a remarkable sporting record behind him.

At Rugby football he skipped the school, city, and county boys' teams; at Association football he played for both Leeds City Boys' and the Yorkshire Schoolboys' sides. He has been Yorkshire junior hurdles champion, and champion in his age group in Leeds four consecutive years. He captained the school swimming team, holds a Bronze medal for life-saving, and was a member of the Yorkshire Schoolboys' Relay Race winning team.

JUNIOR ATHLETES ON PARADE

The Amateur Athletic Association Junior Championships at Reading on Saturday will undoubtedly reflect the sharp improvement shown by the seniors in recent years. Keen interest will be taken in this meeting, for the junior champions will form the backbone of Britain's international teams of four or five years hence.

Never strong in sprinters, this country has produced a most promising one in J. R. C. Young of Bishop Vesey Grammar School; he recorded 9.9 seconds recently. A. C. Thomas of Mill Hill School, and J. Smith, Blackheath Harriers, should give him a hard race. The best prospect for the 220 yards would seem to be D. H. Segal of Thames Valley Harriers, with J. Smith again the main challenger.

An outstanding half-miler is Mancunian Michael Berrisford. Already this season he has run a one minute 55.6 seconds half-mile and should improve on this time.

GEORGE LAMBERT, Gloucestershire's fast bowler, will be taking a well-earned benefit on Saturday, when Sussex visit Bristol. A Londoner, he left the Lord's ground staff in 1936 to join Gloucestershire. Since 1939 he has taken over 800 wickets for his county.

Javelin girl



Veronica Angell of Stourpaine, Dorset, is only 14, but she has broken the school county record for javelin throwing by 20 feet.

ON Thursday, for the eighth time, England will meet South Africa at Headingley, Leeds. The tourists will be looking for their first victory, for of the previous matches, England have won five with the other two drawn. It was at Leeds, in 1907, that England were dismissed for 76, but the Springboks collapsed in their second innings for 75, and lost the match.

MARGARET FRANCIS, 22-year-old Manchester University medical student, has leapt into the sprinting limelight this season. Twice within ten days she returned a time of 10.8 seconds for 100 yards, a new British national and English native record. She also took the 100 yards and 80-metres hurdles titles at the Women's A.A.A. Championships.

Tiny Roland Langridge of South London Harriers, a young athlete with tremendous finishing power, seems unbeatable over a mile. But S. E. Eldon of Windsor and Eton Athletic Club, who recently ran the three miles in 14 minutes 17.2 seconds—easily the best ever performance by a junior—could give him a hard race if he regains his form of last year.

Michael Nugent of the John Fisher School, Purley, may become one of the select band of juniors who have cleared 12 feet in the pole vault—a height he cleared last year in training.

Last year's outstanding hammer-thrower, Michael Ellis of Thames Valley Harriers, is still a junior, this year. He may well become the first British athlete, senior or junior, to clear 200 feet.

All in all, we can expect many fine performances from these young athletes striving for recognition in a sport in which the only reward is the satisfaction of winning.

THE SECRET OF BUZZARD SCAR

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then Paul burst through the falling water.

"It's there!" he shouted, "it's a real cave, although it isn't very big. You've got to bend your head to get in but you can stand up properly inside. The floor is dry, but some of the water from here runs back in a stream. You two coming in?"

"Of course we are," Sally said quickly. "Have we got to duck through the water or is there a way round the side?"

Paul grinned. "Matter of fact, there is. I've just seen it. You'll have to climb up the cliff a little way and then slip down by that tree. You'll get through O.K. although you'll probably get a bit wet. Come on, Liz. I'll help you if I can stand your weight."

Clue in the cave

It was not very difficult and soon they were standing in the actual cave. Paul switched on the torch and at once the rocky walls were alive with grotesque shadows. The floor was dry and clean and, as Paul had explained, a stream, fed by the pool outside, ran fast at their feet down the dark and unexplored depths of the cave.

"Hold the torch, Sall, I'm cold. I'm going to put on my sweater. Thanks for carrying it."

As his sister swung the beam of the torch towards the back of the cave where the stream dis-

appeared into the darkness, she suddenly gasped.

"Look! There, Liz. By your foot. It's an empty cigarette packet."

Paul's tousled head pushed its way through the neck of his sweater.

"It's a clue or something," he shouted as he stooped and picked up the empty packet. "It's new and almost dry. Someone's been here before us and quite recently, too. I'm going back down the cave to see if there are any more clues and where this stream goes to. Come on—!" And he quickly pushed in front of them and turned his back on the entrance.

A light—and voices

Nervously the girls followed, and after five yards the roof began to lower and the cave—it really was more of a tunnel now—bore round to the left. The stream was running faster and then suddenly Paul stopped. "The stream goes down a narrow tunnel here—" He lay full length on his stomach and pointed the beam of his torch along the surface of the water.

"It's wide enough to crawl through," he said over his shoulder, but Sally was just going to tell him to wait when Elizabeth screamed.

"Look!" she cried. "There's a light! And I can hear voices, too. Look, Sall!"

To be continued

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10.	As big as an E.....
11.	As bald as an E.....
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13.	As keen-sighted as an E.....
14.	As smooth as S.....
15.	As pretty as a P.....
16.	As firm as a R.....
17.	As hot as the E.....
18.	As straight as an A.....
19.	As fresh as a D.....
20.	As cold as I.....
21.	As black as S.....
22.	As blind as a B.....
23.	As slippery as an E.....
24.	As slow as a S.....
25.	As warm as T.....

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THE BRAN TUB

ALL NIGHT—AND ALL DAY

TEACHER: "You say the reason for your being late is that you overslept? Goodness, boy, do you mean to say you sleep at home, too?"

SPELLING BEE

Each of the first three lines suggests a word with similar pronunciation but a different meaning.

A SIGNPOST may show me to you,
I'm also what scales will do.
Miss Muffet ate me ere she ran,
Now solve this riddle if you can.
Answer in column 5

SPOT THE . . .

COMMON LIZARD as it basks in the sun. This slender creature favours heathered hillsides or dry heaths and commons. An average male measures five inches, but females are slightly larger. The lizards are coloured in various shades of olive green and brown. A dark line runs down the centre of the back but markings vary, too. Males possess pale orange, black-spotted underparts.



The tail of the common lizard is very brittle and snaps easily, which often enables its owner to escape capture. But no permanent injury is suffered, a new tail being grown. During hot weather lizards can move very fast but are rather torpid when it turns cold.

BEDTIME TALE

"I DID WARN YOU" SAID MR. PORTLY

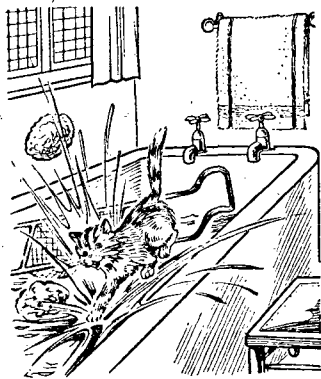
"WELL, really, Miss Parker! Whatever will you do next?" said Mr. Portly when he had strolled into the bathroom to investigate an odd noise. He discovered Miss Parker in the bath licking the drips from the hot tap.

"But this water is much nicer than that we have in our bowls," she said.

"Well, it is lucky the bath wasn't full," he replied.

"As if I shouldn't have spotted that!" said Miss Parker. "And anyhow, I know all about baths. The other day when Ann was having hers I pushed the door open, and came and sat on that sponge rack across the bath and dabbed up pawfuls of water. And Ann laughed like anything!"

"I don't know what things are coming to!" cried Mr. Portly, blowing out his whiskers. "We didn't do things like that in my young days. But I suppose if Ann was there it was all right. But don't you try acrobatics on



the sponge rack when she isn't!" Miss Parker grinned as he went off.

That same evening she went to the bathroom for another drip drink, and found the bath ready for Ann. But Ann was still in her bedroom. "I'll get on the sponge rack now," said Miss Parker, and placed her front paws on its edge.

Then SPLASH! Without Ann to steady it, over it tipped, and into the water Miss Parker went.

It was Mr. Portly who heard her howling as she floundered round. He dashed to Ann's door, and scratched and miaowed, and

directly she opened it she heard Miss Parker, too, and ran and rescued her.

When she was nearly rubbed dry Mr. Portly helped the poor little cat lick off the rest. "I did warn you," he said.

"I know," answered Miss Parker. "I'll remember in future. Besides, bath water isn't so good as tap drips."

JANE THORNICROFT

JACKO IS THE CAUSE OF REAL CROCODILE TEARS



SWEET PRICE

SAID a merchant from Scotland called Sandy:
"I've just bought a shipload of candy.
I paid a high price,
But it looks very nice,
And I think it may come in quite handy."

DOWN THE RIVER

My first is in Tees but not in Tyne,
My second's in Rhône and also in Rhine,
My third is in Thames but not in Spey,
My fourth is in Trent but not in Tay,
My fifth is in Severn but not in Wye,
My sixth in the Don you'll easily spy,
My last's in the Ganges and also the Nile,
My whole is a river in a green isle.

Answer in column 5

BANG ON

A SMALL boy was asked by his teacher to explain how he had got his black eye.
"I was hit by a guided muscle on my way to school."

SUMMER JOYS



Julie and Tina, daughters of Brian Worth, the actor, know just how to keep cool on a warm summer's day.

HORSE SENSE

JOHNNY was limping. "How did you hurt your leg?" asked Tommy.

"Oh, I just fell off a nightmare."

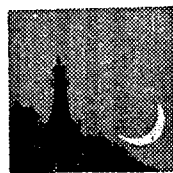
BEHEADED WORDS

I AM a noise: behead me, I am a whip: behead me again, I am a tree.
I am the edge: behead me, I am used for skating: behead me again, I am a liquid.
I am the sound of a bell: behead me, I am a girl's name: behead me again, I am a measurement of cloth.
I am transparent: behead me, I am a young girl: behead me again, I am an animal.
I am a personal quality: behead me, I am an injury: behead me again, I am part of the body.
I am interested in trains: behead me, I make clay vessels: behead me again, I am a creature of the river bank.

Answer in column 5

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning Venus is low in the east. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at ten o'clock on Friday evening, July 22.



SAMMY SIMPLE

SAMMY thinks that the small bubbles in a bottle of pop were put there by a Fizzician.

TANGLED TOURISTS

In the following paragraph the words printed in italics can be rearranged to spell the names of two South African cricketers touring this country. Who are they?

BECAUSE of the huge number of vermin it destroys, the owl is a real gem among birds useful to man. It is well equipped to catch its prey, each claw resembling a curved, steel hook. We should do our utmost to protect these valuable birds. *Answer below*

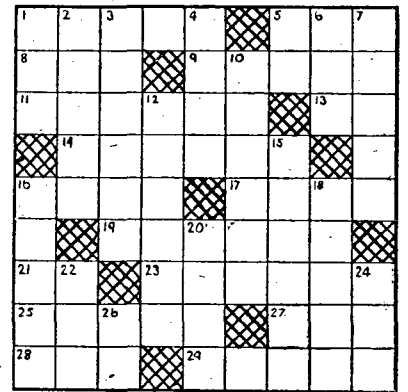
WHAT . . .

. . . looks most like a frog?
Answer below

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Obliterate. 5 Possess. 8 Boy. 9 Modify. 11 Shrub or tree with yellow flowers. 13 Tonic solfa note. 14 Hooters. 16 Collection of animals. 17 He killed his brother Abel. 19 Artists' stands. 21 Master of Arts. 23 Affront. 25 Scene of conflict. 27 Beverage. 28 Meshed fabric. 29 Visitor. READING DOWN. 1 Tree. 2 Lift. 3 Regard with approval. 4 Comfort. 5 Exclamation. 6 Suitable. 7 Strict. 10 Skips. 12 Decree. 15 Greet. 16 Belonging to mankind. 18 Pieces of land surrounded by water. 20 Unexpected obstacle. 22 Exist. 24 Tit for —. 26 French for and.

Answer next week



NATURALLY

THE teacher asked the twins: "How is it that your essays on 'Our Dog' are word for word the same throughout?"
"Well," came the answer, "it's the same dog."

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Stamp Album Answer. Brazil

Answer to Word Quiz. 1 a, 2 c, 3 b, 4 b, 5 a.

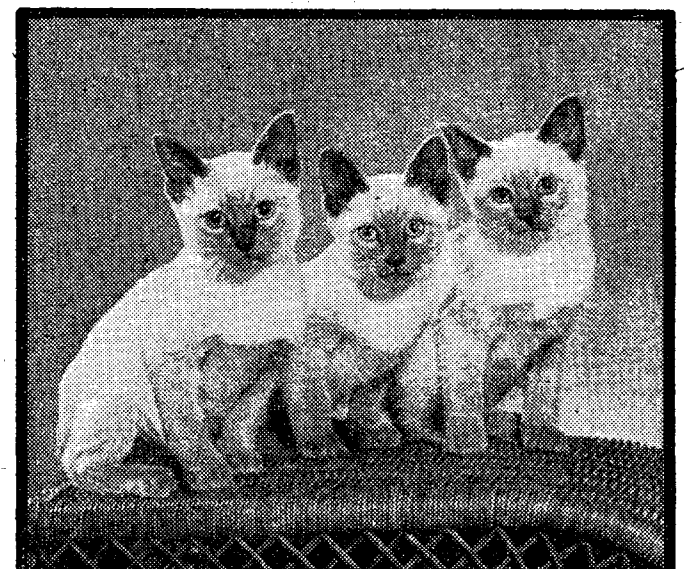
BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Spelling bee. Way, weigh, whey

Down the river. Shannon

Beheaded words. Clash, lash, ash. Brink, rink, ink. Knell, Nell, ell. Glass, lass, ass. Charm, hurn, arm. Spotter, potter, otter

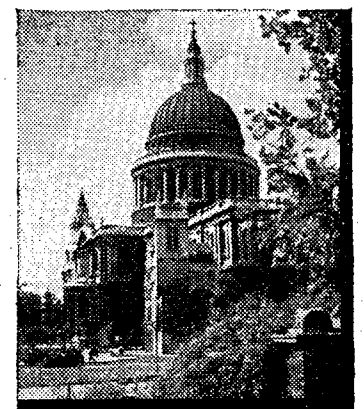
Tangled tourists. Waite, McGlew



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